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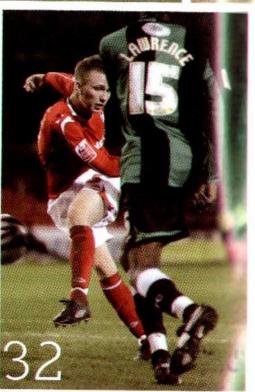
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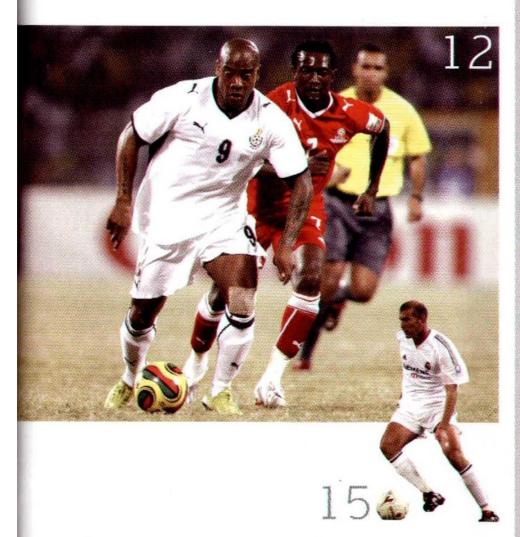




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CC's scouting report

It's less than a month since we met Swindon at The County Ground and to be brutally honest were deservedly beaten... but that hasn't stopped us doing our homework on them.

Even though we contributed to our own downfall with two unfortunate own goals, they were better than us at their place.

That was a source of enormous disappointment to us all at the time but we now have an opportunity to set the record straight and continue our impressive run of home results.

Swindon will certainly feel in good heart as they head to The City Ground having bounced back from their defeat at Huddersfield last Saturday with a convincing midweek win over Cheltenham, continuing the good progress they are making under Maurice Malpas.

I don't know Maurice (right) particularly well but I'm aware of the big reputation he had as a player with Dundee United and Scotland.

He has clearly wasted little time in making an impact at Swindon but I'm confident if we continue to perform today in the manner which has become the norm at The City Ground this season we will emerge victorious. Having performed so well at Leeds on Tuesday the fact that we emerged from the game with just a point to show for our efforts represented a disappointment at the time... but my opinion has mellowed as the dust has settled.

I can take great heart from the manner in which we went about our task at Elland Road as we proved that we can perform away from home far better than the way we have played just recently on our travels, particularly at Bournemouth.

The challenge now facing us is to continue our exceptional run of results at home by overcoming Swindon this afternoon.

We're heading into the game in a far more positive frame of mind than we did our last home game against Millwall a week ago, following the Bournemouth defeat, and hopefully that will reflect within the atmosphere in the stadium.

Seven points from games against Millwall, Leeds and at home to Swindon would represent a good reward and set us up nicely for Tuesday's trip to Carlisle.

But first things first and we find ourselves our looking to make amends for another off day on the road against Swindon last month.

In contrast to our display at The County Ground, it's difficult to pick too many holes in the way we played against Leeds but I was loathe to crow too much about the quality of our display when I spoke to the media immediately afterwards because we again failed to claim maximum points.

We should have made more of the goalscoring opportunities that came our way before Julian Bennett headed us in front in the second half but we definitely took a step forward in West Yorkshire.

It's disappointing that the lead Julian gave us was wiped out by a controversial penalty decision. I felt deeply sorry for Wes Morgan that he was adjudged to have conceded the spot-kick because both he and Darren Kenton had hold of each other's shirts.

It was a case of six of one and half a dozen of the other and it was a fairly soft penalty for the referee to concede, especially as we consequently failed to claim the three points we deserved.

Leeds had several shouts for a penalty but I felt they would need a cast iron case before a decent and notoriously strong referee like Mark Halsey would award them one.

Losing Julian and Grant Holt to suspension for this afternoon's game represents a setback but we have Matt Lockwood ready to deputise at left back and Junior Agogo back in harness after his Africa Cup of Nations exploits.

I didn't include Matt in my squad for the trip to Leeds because I felt it would be more beneficial to him to stay at The City Ground and train twice with John Pemberton's reserve squad ahead of today's game.

But the fact that he made the effort to travel up to Yorkshire after finishing training because he wanted to be around the lads and lend them his support underlines just what a good professional he is and what a great spirit we have in our dressing room.

Junior bounced back into the club a couple of days ago after helping Ghana finish third in the competition by scoring three goals.

He has no doubt been running on adrenaline out in Ghana, such was the media spotlight and focus he found himself under, and we'll assess him fully before deciding what role he can play today.

But Junior, like Matt and those players who may not figure in my plans today certainly have a significant role to play for us over the course of the next 16 games.

Finally, I would like to say how saddened everyone at The City Ground was this week to hear of the death of a dear friend George Trout. George had a long association with the club and worked for many years assisting Terry Farndale our kit manager until retiring earlier this season. He will be greatly missed.

CC's talking point

I noted with interest the news that from next season onwards Premier League managers will be able to use three from seven substitutes, rather than three from five.

But nothing has so far been mentioned about the Football League following suit, which is something of a mystery to me.

Seven subs would give managers so much more flexibility. Just recently we've gone into games without goalkeeping cover on the bench, which is always something of a gamble I wouldn't have to take if we were to follow the Premier League's example.

In fact, if seven subs were introduced at our level I think it should be stipulated that one of them must be a 'keeper.

I know some clubs might complain it would cost them extra in terms of appearance money but that's up to them to restructure their appearance schedules.

Scotland have had seven subs for a while but then the SFA have always been ahead of the game in this country. That's not me talking as a biased Scotsman as, for example, they took up the UEFA coaching license system before their English counterparts.

There's also a stipulation in Scotland that managers have to pick a certain number of Under 21 players within their team, which gives youngsters an avenue to first team experience which is invaluable in their development.



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All admission prices will be reduced to £5 and in conjunction with the promotion, the Bridgford Lower Tier will be open for home supporters.

A Forest spokesman said: "Our last £5 admission game was against Southend in November when we had our highest attendance of the season. We are hoping to attract another bumper crowd for the Carlisle match."

Tickets will be on general sale for the Carlisle game today.



Kevin Healy

It is with great sadness that we report the death of season ticket holder Kevin Healy at the age of 56. Kevin was ground superintendent at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground from April 1991 and was an allround sports fan.

Joanne Louise Harvey

We are also sad to report the death of Joanne Louise Harvey, who was 49. She was a former member of the Gedling Branch of the Supporters' Club.

Still in the F.A. Cup by Victoria Heiden

Despite the exit of Nottingham Forest Ladies team from this years F.A. Women's Cup competition, the city is still looking forward to May when the Cup Final will be returning to The City Ground.

This will be the second time we have hosted this prestigious event and the hope is to surpass the immense success of last year's final, where a record-breaking crowd of 24,529 spectators witnessed Arsenal seize the cup after a 4-1 victory over London rivals Charlton.

Our Chief Executive Mark Arthur said: "We are delighted to be hosting the event again and are looking forward to welcoming fans from all over the country. Our main aim at the club is to build on the successes of last year's F.A. Women's Cup Final and draw an even higher attendance in May.

"Girls and women's football is the fastest growing sport in the country and we want to do everything in our power to support participation in the game."

The 2008 Final will kick off at 1pm on Bank Holiday Monday May 5 and will offer a great family day out for fans with world class ladies' football at excellent prices.

The competition is hotting up and now at the quarter final stage. The draw for the last eight is:

Lincoln City v Blackburn Rovers

Cardiff City v Leeds United

Arsenal v Birmingham City

Newcastle United v Everton

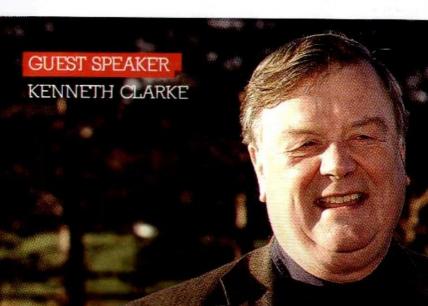
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Opposites attract

Rt. Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP was key to many of Brian Clough's foreign transfer dealings over the years

They may have come from opposite sides of the political spectrum but the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke QC, MP has revealed how he formed an unlikely alliance with Brian Clough.

The master manager, a died-in-the-wool socialist, enlisted the help of Mr. Clarke in the 1980s when he was a Conservative cabinet Minister as he looked to boost our squad by securing the services of a continental midfielder.

Mr. Clarke, who has followed our fortunes for 60 years and whose Rushcliffe constituency includes The City Ground, explains: "Brian used to occasionally ask my help with work permits when he had bought foreign players and not sorted out the necessary paperwork.

"For a time I was Minister of Employment so under me, somewhere in what was a giant department, was the work permit bit.

Brian bought a Scandinavian midfield player who never turned out to be any good so I can't remember his name but he was filling a gap at the time.

"He had tried to buy Glenn Hoddle but he had gone off abroad instead, so on the rebound he bought this other chap. "On her first day at work a women called Miss Smith handled an application from Nottingham Forest for a work permit for this particular player.

"She sent back the department's standard letter for any kind of work permit application...

Dear Mr Clough. Thank you for your application. We are not satisfied that the vacancy you referred to could not be filled by an unemployed British national. We would require some evidence that you have tried to fill this post with a British national and failed to do so.

'The best evidence you could produce is to advertise the post three times in the local newspaper. Please approach us again if this is not successful.'

"So I had 'Cloughie' telling me what he thought of my department telling him he should advertise the midfield vacancy in the Nottingham Evening Post to see if any unemployed bloke wanted to have go in his side.

"We sorted it out and it was explained to Miss Smith that slightly different rules apply to musicians, footballers and professions of that nature." Mr. Clarke, who watches our home games as often as his parliamentary duties allow, adds: "I used to have surgeries in my constituency office in West Bridgford every Saturday morning and teased Brian because he once led a demo outside.

"When I was a Minister people used to come and demonstrate outside the offices every Saturday – one week it would be saving the NHS and the next week it would be some other cause.

"One lot, I can't remember who they were, persuaded Brian to lead their march, so I threatened Brian that I would lead a demonstration outside The City Ground because his team at the time was doing worse than the government. That was the nearest we got to a political disagreement."

Mr. Clarke may spend much of his working life representing his constituents in the House of Commons but he is understandably proud of his Nottingham roots – and his life-long love of Forest.

"When you are a small boy starting to go to football you obviously have to have a 'team', you have to be a fan," he reflects.

"I decided I was going to be a Nottingham Forest fan. All my schoolmates were Derby County fans because I lived at the time in Langley Mill which is just in Derbyshire. Derby were a hugely successful team back then and both Nottingham clubs were not. My grandfather lived in Nottingham and he used to take me to both Nottingham teams.

"I can't really think why of the two, Forest and County, I became a Forest supporter – it may possibly have been because the unusual name appealed to a seven year old. I was a Forest fan 60 years ago and have been ever since." He has witnessed many lows while following our fortunes but has vivid memories of two high spots in our history.

"I missed most of the European Cup games because I just could not afford the time to go around Europe in midweek," he says. "I was in office at the time and our parliamentary majority wasn't that big, so I couldn't just take the day off to go to a football match.

"But I was at the 1959 F.A. Cup final – it was the first cup final I went to. I went down to the game with a mate from school. I had got a ticket having entered a lottery but my friend didn't have one and went down en-spec.

"Forest and Luton was the most unfashionable cup final for 20 years – there was big excitement in Nottingham and Luton but none whatsoever in London, so at two minutes to three the touts had still got fistfuls of tickets.



"My friend was able to buy one at face value from a tout who just wanted to get rid of his stock.

"We both got in. I can remember the game quite well and the celebrations when they were carrying the cup around afterwards.

"The first time I ever went to an away game was at Sheffield United when we got promoted to the old First Division in 1957.

"We were really a pretty non-descript side but we had to beat Sheffield United to go up. I went up to Bramall Lane with several mates from school and saw us win 4-0, which along with the '59 Cup final were the two most dramatic Forest games I have attended."



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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Colin Calderwood

Played 75 Won 36 Drawn 23 Lost 16 For 109 Against 63 Av Pts/game 1.75 Biggest Win(s) Nottm Forest 5 Huddersfield 1 (03/03/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Oldham 5 Nottm Forest 0 (01/01/2007).

Maurice Malpas

Against 3 Av Pts/game 1.60 Biggest Win(s) Swindon 2 Nottm Forest 1 (19/01/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Huddersfield 1 Swindon 0 (09/02/2008).

Played 5 Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 1 For 4

2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



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3	Position	11
29	Played	29
13	Won	10
10	Drawn	10
6	Lost	9
44	Goals For	37
22	Goals Against	34
49	Points	40



RANK

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..1

Colin Calderwood Goals 1

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Goals 2

Player with the most...

shots

Kris Commons 58 shots on target

Kris

Commons 27

shots off target

Kris

Commons 31

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Commons 5

crosses

Kris

Commons 69

fouls

Junior

Agogo 38

free-kicks-won

Grant

Holt 34

assists

most... shots

Lee

Player with the

Peacock 38

shots on target

Billy Paynter 15

shots off target

Lee

Peacock 23

assists

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Zaaboub 38

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free-kicks-won

Billy Paynter 38

Draws ..0



GAMES SINCE

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6	an away win	1
1	a defeat	0
14	a home defeat	5
0	an away defeat	0
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	scoring a goal	1
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SHARP SHOOTERS

Nottm Forest	CCFL (up	Tot	Swindon	CCFL C	up	Tot
Junior Agogo	10	0	10	Simon Cox	8	1	9
Kris Commons	8	1	9	Billy Paynter	5	2	7
Nathan Tyson	5	3	8	Barry Corr	5	0	5

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played11	Nottm Forest wins4
Draws5	Goals 19 (1.7 per game)
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Swindon wins ... Goals 8 (0.7 per game) Times failed to score 6

Biggest League win at Nottm Forest for each team:

25/02/2006 Nottm Forest 7-1 Swindon

No wins for Swindon

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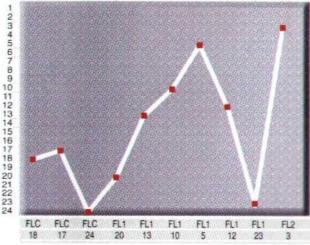
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Wins: 1-0[4], 2-1[4], 4-1[1], 5-0[1], Losses: 0-1[2], 0-3[2], 1-2[5], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[7], 2-2[2]

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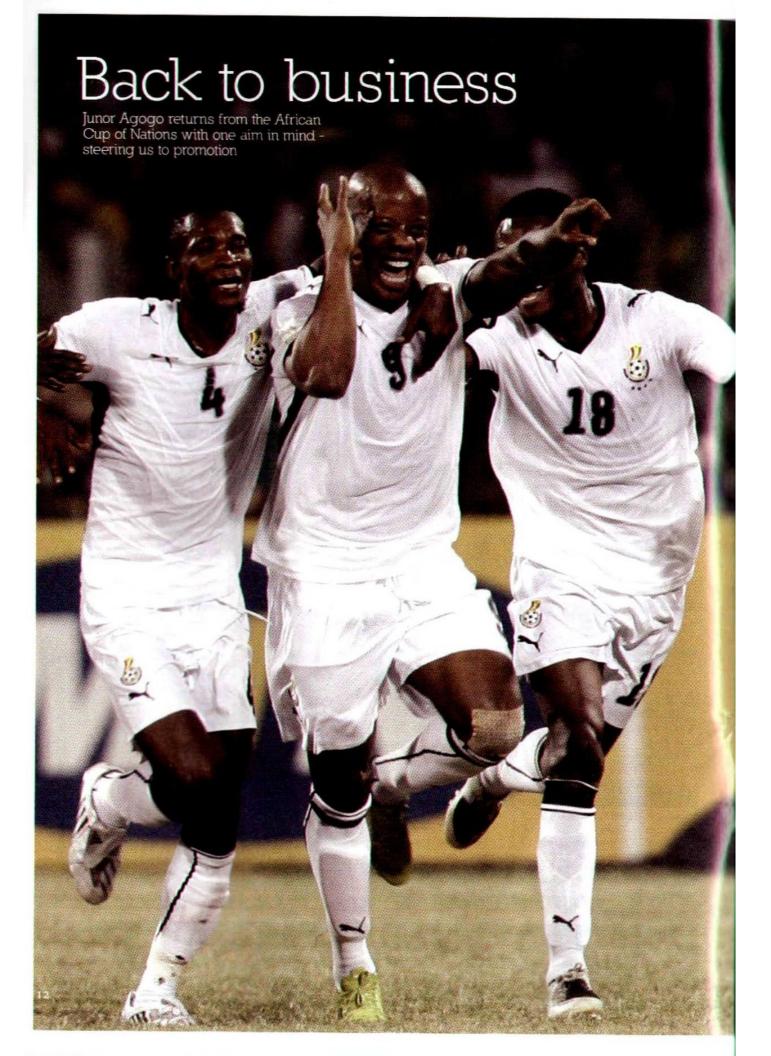
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Junior Agogo got far more than he bargained for as he helped fire Ghana to within a whisker of landing the Africa Cup of Nations.

The striker arrived back at The City Ground with a bronze medal and a host of memories from the colourful event that propelled him onto the world stage.

Agogo scored three times in the competition and in the process became a national hero in Ghana... and very nearly a married man!

He explains: "A gentleman turned up at the team hotel one day and asked to see me. The people on the hotel reception could tell he wanted to talk to me about something pretty serious, so I went along to see him.

"I couldn't believe it when he told me he wanted to give me his daughter's hand in marriage. I'd never met him before, let alone his daughter, and just didn't know what to say.

"It does happen in Ghana and although I naturally declined his offer, I didn't want to offend the guy so had to let him down gently.

"It was an incredible thing to happen and just capped what an amazing experience playing in the Africa Cup of Nations was.

"It felt as though the whole country of Ghana was following our every move – we just didn't seem to get a moment to ourselves. We couldn't go out of the hotel without security and everywhere we turned people wanted photos or autographs. I loved it but it was exhausting."

Ghana's hopes of landing the title on their home soil were dented with a semi-final defeat at the hands of Cameroon, who were eventually beaten in last Sunday's final by Egypt.

They bounced back to beat the Ivory Coast in the third-placed play-off game but Agogo insists: "We were all so disappointed that we failed to make it to the final because we felt we were good enough to win the tournament.

"We didn't have the best of times with injury and lost our captain, John Mensah, for the semi-final after he was sent-off in the quarter-final against Nigeria.

"It still hurts that we didn't go all the way but I suppose as time goes on the disappointment will ease and I'll hopefully have nothing but good memories of the competition and whole experience.

"The quarter-final win over Nigeria was the real highlight as far as I'm concerned. The fact that we came from behind to win 2-1 and I scored the winner after John had been sent-off was fantastic.

"Ghana and Nigeria are big rivals and I've got a lot of friends who are Nigerian, so it was nice to be able to get one over on them."

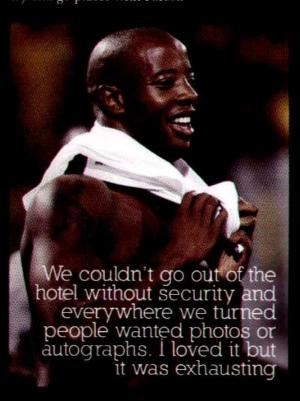
Agogo's goalscoring exploits in Ghana raised his profile not only in Africa but across the globe and sparked almost inevitable speculation about his long-term future with us.

"I'm aware there has been some speculation," he says, "but that's all it is – speculation. I'm a Nottingham Forest player and my aim now is to try and help them get promoted.

"The Africa Cup of Nations was a wonderful, wonderful experience, something I feel privileged to have been part of but that part of the season is over and done with now.

"My focus now is on trying to help get Forest into the Championship and then we'll see what happens in the future.

"The Ghana coach, Claude Le Roy, has spoken to me about how playing at a higher club might benefit my international career but I want to try and go places with Forest."





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For a man who makes his living operating as a defensive rock, Wes Morgan's choice of Zinedine Zidane as his favourite player of all-time may raise a few eyebrows.

But Morgan has a simple explanation for his admiration of the three-time FIFA World Player of the Year. "I used to be a midfielder when I was a kid," he reveals. "I've played pretty much everywhere, apart from in goal.

"I had a spell when I was on Notts County's books as a schoolboy where I played up front but before that I fancied myself as a midfielder and loved watching Zidane play.

"What can you say about Zidane? He was just superb to watch and at his peak he was head and shoulders above any other midfielder in the game at the time.

"He had everything – pace, power, wonderful skills and the ability to score great goals – just the complete player."

Morgan is unlikely to ever hit the same dizzying heights as Zidane but, firmly established as a key member of Colin Calderwood's defensive unit, his reputation continues to grow.

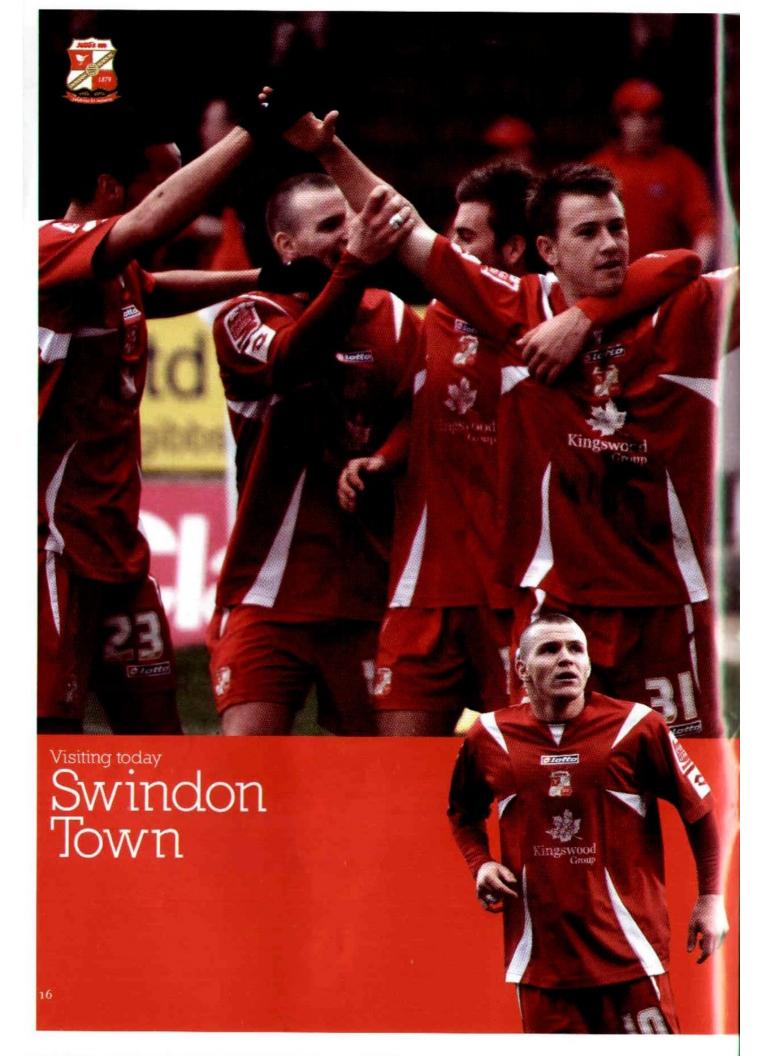
"I've been pleased with the way things have gone for me so far this season," he says. "There were possibly a few question marks surrounding my place in the team at the start of the season after Kelvin Wilson had joined the club.

"But I got my opportunity when Ian Breckin was forced to miss the first few games through injury and I would like to think I made the most of it, which is pretty much all you can do in that situation.

"I lost my place after picking up a knee injury and then had a spell where I found myself out of the team for a couple of months before Christmas, which was frustrating.

"But I suppose it's easier to accept when it's a player like 'Brecks' who is keeping you out of the side. I would have looked pretty stupid if I knocked on the manager's door and demanded to know why I wasn't playing."





Swindon come to The City Ground this afternoon confident in their ability to squeeze into the playoff places come the end of the season.

Following their comfortable 3-0 win over Cheltenham in midweek they sit in tenth position in League One but, significantly, have two games in hand of most of the sides above them.

With several promotion rivals to play in the coming weeks, their ambitions are in their own hands as they attempt to claw their way back into the second tier of English football.

A second successive promotion would be a magnificent achievement for the Wiltshire club who were elevated from League Two in third spot behind Walsall and Hartlepool at the end of last season.

That was under the management of Paul Sturrock but since then he has left The County Ground to take charge of Plymouth Argyle for a second time.

Following his departure Swindon went for another former Scottish international player in Maurice Malpas to take over and he's made an impressive impact since landing the job in mid-January.

His first test was to oversee a 2-1 victory over ourselves at The County Ground and since then Swindon have drawn with Crewe away and Northampton at home and beaten Luton away and Cheltenham on their own pitch.

The only setback in the League – they were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Barnet on penalties – was against Huddersfield last weekend when they lost 1-0 at The Galpharm Stadium.

Malpas has not only made his mark in terms of results but in strengthening his squad in the January transfer window.

He certainly endeared himself to Swindon fans when he succeeded in signing Simon Cox from Reading in a permanent deal after the young striker had impressed in a successful loan spell earlier in the season.

Cox scored his tenth goal of the campaign against Cheltenham but misses out this afternoon after collecting his fifth booking of the season last weekend.

Another deal concluded in January saw Watford winger Anthony McNamee move to The County Ground to provide width and penetration to Swindon's attacks.

Around the same time Malpas also picked up 20 year old striker Moses Ashikodi on loan from Watford until the end of the season. He made his debut for Swindon as a late substitute against us last month.

And Malpas went on to make his third signing in as many days when he captured young defender Patrick Kanyuka after he had been released by Queens Park Rangers.

The new boss has also been boosted by the return of players from injury and suspension, including key pair Barry Corr and Billy Paynter.

Corr is back in action after a shoulder injury and Paynter returned on Tuesday after completing a three-match ban.

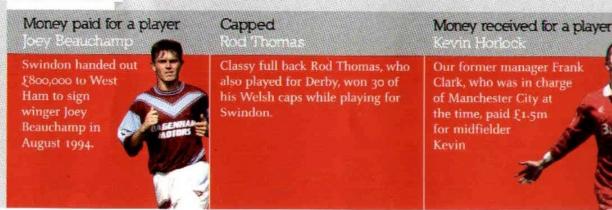
Paynter scored Swindon's second goal in the win over Cheltenham and afterwards Malpas revealed how delighted he was with the way his players responded to the setback at Huddersfield.

He said: "To score three goals and win quite comfortably was extremely pleasing. We probably got more balls into the box inside the first ten minutes than we did all game on Saturday.

"It's good that we can go into the Nottingham Forest game on the back of a decent result like this.

"We have excellent competition up front – a tremendous selection of strikers to choose from now and two or three of those can play at any one time."

The most ...



The Robins

The visiting players and manager



The giant Slovakian keeper joined the club from Czech side FC Brno in the summer of 2006 and although he suffered a broken arm in his first season he is now fully recovered.

5 JEREL IFIL

The powerful defender signed for Swindon from Watford after three loan spells at The County Ground. He has been a fixture in the side over the last three and a half seasons.

3 JAMIE VINCENT

Captured by Dennis Wise during his time in charge, he has played for Crystal Palace, Bournemouth, Huddersfield, Portsmouth, Walsall, Derby and Millwall before joining Swindon.

DEFENCE

1 PETER SMITH

The former Crawley Town keeper joined Swindon in July 2006 and provides competition for the No. 1 spot with Brezovan. He started his career with Millwall before dropping into non-league.

16 HASNEY ALJOFREE

The experienced Swindon skipper was signed from Plymouth last summer. He started his career with Bolton and also had a spell with former manager Paul Sturrock at Dundee United.

26 PATRICK KANYUKA

The 20 year old defender began his career with Queens Park Rangers and has had to play a patient, waiting game to get his chance following his move to Wiltshire.

14 MIGUEL COMMINGES

The French defender (right), who has represented Guadeloupe, was signed by former manager Paul Sturrock and played his previous football in France with Amiens SC and Reims.



MİDFİELD

10 JON-PAUL McGOVERN

The lively winger is a key member of the Swindon side, having joined them from MK Dons last August. He had previous experience with both Sheffield clubs as well as Livingston.

11 SOFIENE ZAABOUB

Another French signing made by Paul Sturrock, who had the midfielder with him at Plymouth and Sheffield Wednesday. He has also played in France, Italy, Spain and Belgium.

27 ANTHONY MCNAMEE

He joined the club from Crewe last year after spent a number of years at Watford, where he had his best season in 2005 06, when he made 26 starts and a dozen substitute appearances.

19 MICHAEL POOK

The young midfielder has come through the Swindon youth and reserve ranks to claim a regular place for himself in the first team squad over the last three seasons.

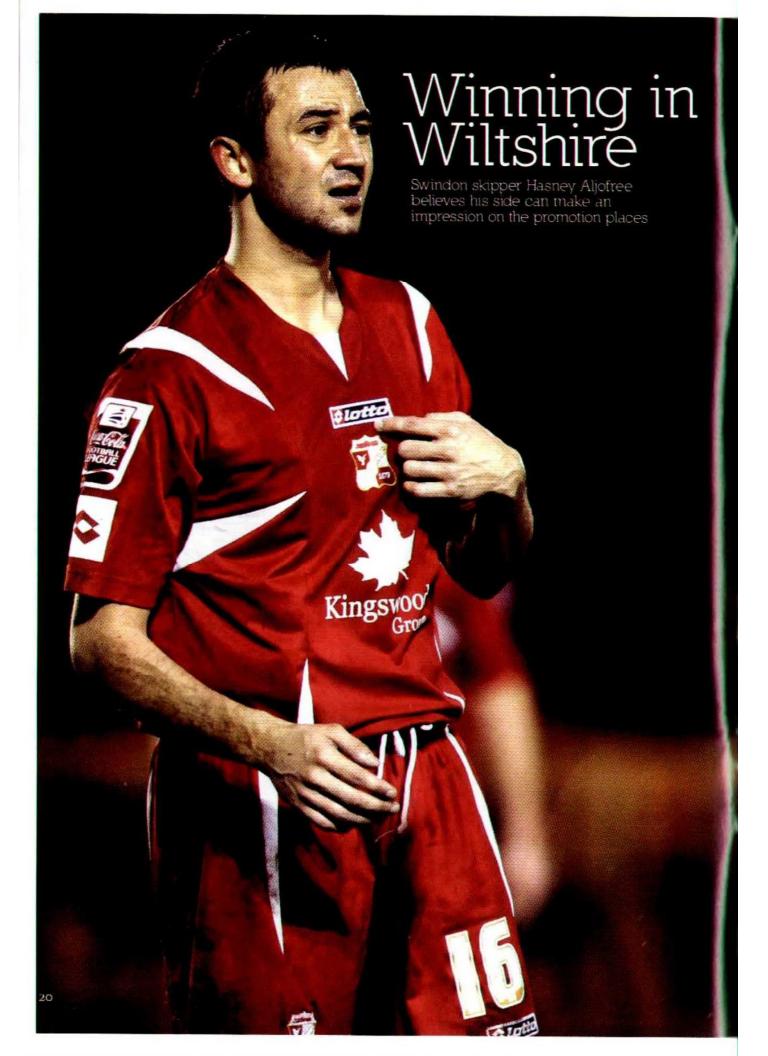




It's only a month ago that Maurice Malpas linked up with Swindon following the departure of Paul Sturrock, who left for a second spell with Plymouth. Malpas, who won 55 Scotland caps and played over 600 games for Dundee United as a player, had previously managed Motherwell as

well as being caretaker boss of the Scotland Under 21 side.

MAURICE MALPAS



Swindon skipper Hasney Aljofree, buoyed by his side's win over us at The County Ground last month, has set his sights on gate-crashing the promotion play-off party.

While we find ourselves gunning for revenge this afternoon after our 2-1 defeat in Wiltshire, Swindon will be looking to remain within striking distance of a top six place.

Maurice Malpas's men are currently five points adrift of a play-off spot but Aljofree believes they have the potential to become promotion contenders.

"Beating Forest was huge for us, a massive scalp for us to claim in the new manager's first game in charge," the 29 year old defender insists.

"We felt that we dominated the game and deserved the victory and made us believe that we can climb up the League One table and deserve to be higher.

"I think we've got a chance of clinching a play-off spot. Before we lost at Huddersfield last Saturday, we were on a decent run and our confidence is good going into the final third of the season.

"We may have drawn too many matches but we've got two games in hand on some of the teams currently in the play-off spots and if we win both of them, we'll be right in amongst it.

"The new manager has brought more discipline to the club – there's a big work ethic around the place now – not just among the players but the club as a whole.

"Everyone is on their toes, everyone is buzzing and it's a vibrant place to be – helped by the fact that we've done pretty well recently.

"Playing at The City Ground is a massive occasion for any player in this division – we'll be up for it as a team and I personally can't wait. "The last time I played at The City Ground was with Plymouth and we won 3-0, so I've got good memories of Nottingham. I just hope that's still the case after this weekend's game."

A play-off spot would cap a remarkable season for Swindon which has seen them overcome the loss of manager Paul Sturrock, who quit The County Ground to rejoin Plymouth, as well as the threat of financial extinction.

Sturrock's departure came as a particular blow to Aljofree, for whom the Scot has had a huge influence on his career.

He reveals: "It has been quite tough, especially when you consider I left Plymouth to follow Paul to Swindon last summer.

"I had signed for him three times before and probably wouldn't have joined Swindon at the time if it hadn't been for the fact that he was in charge.

"It's a bit strange now that he has left Swindon and I'm still there but that's life – as a professional footballer you just have to get on with things. I'm happy at Swindon, it's a great club.

"I feel like I've really got a foot in the door at Swindon now. I've bought a house in the area and feel settled off the pitch and things on the pitch are pretty good for us.

"It has been well-documented that off the pitch the club has been through a bad time. We were close to going bust before a new consortium took over; there was a lot of uncertainty about the place which wasn't ideal.

"It has been a strange time for me and everyone connected with the club but hopefully we'll get our reward at the end of the season."



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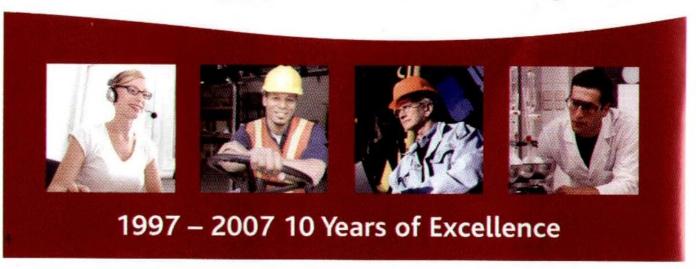
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By Stuart Mather Corporate Affairs

Working as one in the community

Capital One and Forest would like to wish a warm welcome to some special guests at today's game. Over 70 tickets have been donated by Capital One to St Ann's and Sneinton Football Club for this afternoon's match.

St Ann's and Sneinton Football Club (SAS FC) was established in 2004 and is the first ever St Ann's children's football club. It began as a football scheme run by the St Ann's Education Improvement Partnership and Nottinghamshire YMCA, which was sponsored by Capital One.

SAS FC now has three teams, under 9s, 10s and 13s, playing in the Nottinghamshire Young Elizabethan League. SAS FC is led by volunteer parents and carers and is in its second year of funding from the Football Foundation. This March the SAS FC aims to become an FA charter standard club.

The under 13s team, managed by Curtis Polson and assisted by Nigel Dilks, achieved excellent success during the 2006-07 season, winning the league at their first attempt. This season, after being promoted two leagues, they are already 11 points clear at the top.

The under 10s team were established earlier this year by Lesley Robinson, who has now passed across the reins to Wayne Mclean. The team have

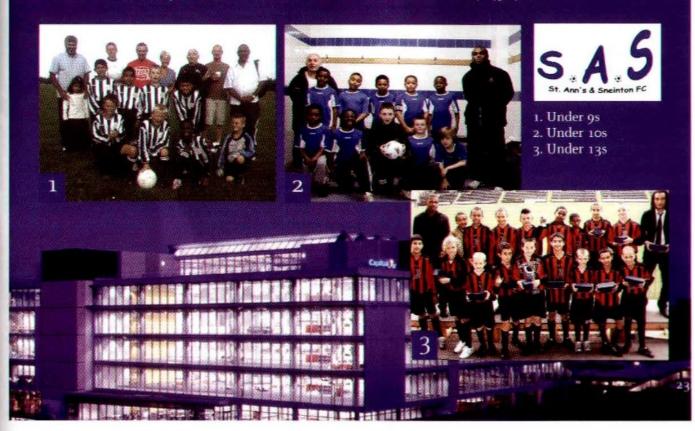
done extremely well and currently stand seventh in the league. A recent intake of new players has left the team hungry for success in the remainder of the season.

The under 9s team, managed by Bill Chambers (SAS FC secretary and welfare officer) and assisted by Dave Weaver, won the team sportsmanship award last season, and are currently sixth in their league.

Capital One and Forest have organised for the 'players of the year' from the under 10s team (Tyrhys Walters-Ward) and under 9s team (Adam Kahn) to be today's official mascots.

James Brown from the St Ann's Education Improvement Partnership said: "St Ann's and Sneinton Football Club could not have achieved the success they have without the support of Capital One, the Football Foundation and all of the supporting partners and patrons, of which there are too many to mention."

If you would like further information about St Ann's and Sneinton Football Club or are interested in supporting the club either through volunteering, playing or sponsorship, please call James Brown on 9157523 (Club Treasurer) or Bill Chambers on 07843148288.



Forest v Swindon, September 18 1973 What happened next?

Two goals by Duncan McKenzie (main picture) gave us a 2-0 Second Division victory over Swindon Town in front of 11,031 at The City Ground on 18 September 1973. Football historian Leigh Edwards traces what happened to both teams:

DUNCAN McKENZIE

A leading marksman who scored 41 times in 111 League outings before joining Leeds United in August 1974. He later played for Anderlecht, Everton, Chelsea and Blackburn Rovers and in the United States. Since owning a delicatessen in Newton le Willows, he is now an after dinner speaker.



IIM BARRON

Goalkeeper who made 155 League appearances for us before moving to Swindon Town in August 1974. He later played for Connecticut Bi Centennials and Peterborough United before retiring in May 1981. After a spell managing Cheltenham Town, he has held various coaching posts.

THE ROBINS,

JIMMY ALLAN: Long serving goalkeeper who starred as Swindon reached the League Cup semi finals in 1979 80 and made 371 League appearances while at the County Ground until injury ended his career in May 1984. After a testimonial against Chelsea, he settled in Devon, working for a box-manufacturing firm.

ROD THOMAS: Weish international right back who netted four goals in 296 League games for Swindon before reuniting with Dave Mackay at Derby County in November 1973. He later played for Cardiff City, Goucester and Newport County, then was a publican before working for a computer software company.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Long serving left back who starred in Swindon's 1968 69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, netting 22 goals in a club record 770 League games before joining their coaching staff. He had a spell as manager, then assistant-boss and youth team coach. His son Paul is Bristol Rovers' manager.

KENNY STROUD: Ex-England Schoolboy midfielder who helped Swindon reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80, netting 16 goals in 311 League outings before joining Newport County in August 1982. Later with Bristol City, Bath City and Newport AFC, he ther ran Kingsbridge House Hotel in Swindon. FRANK BURROWS: Influential central defender who starred in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph, scoring nine times in 297 League games before joining their coaching staff. He has since held various coaching and managerial posts, including two spells at Portsmouth and Cardiff.

JOE BUTLER: Midfielder who featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, netting 18 goals in 362 League outings while at the County Ground before moving to Aldershot in August 1976, Subsequently with Witney Town, he has settled in Swindon and since run his own taxi firm.



IOHN WINFIELD

Long serving left back who was an experienced figure as we reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1973-74, netting four goals in 355 League games prior to joining Peterborough United in July 1974. He became a newsagent in Wollaton and Jaier Nottingham's Victoria Shopping Centre.



LIAM O'KANE

Northern Ireland international right back who was ever present for us in 1973-74, making 189 League appearances while at The City Ground until recurring injury problems ended his playing career in May 1977. He later became a long-serving member of our coaching staff.



SAMMY CHAPMAN

Long serving central defender who featured in our 1976-77 promotion success, netting 17 goals in 359 League games before moving to Notts County in August 1977. He later played for Shrewsbury Town, Ian Storey Moore's Burton Albion and Keyworth before becoming a publican in East Leake.

IOHN COTTAM

Central defender who scored four times in 95 League outings for us prior to joining Chesterfield in August 1976. He moved to Chester in July 1979, then had a spell as Scarborough's player-boss. Later with Burton Albion and Bridlington, he became a sergeant in the Metropolitan Police.



GEORGE LYALL

Scottish midfielder who netted 24 goals in 116 League outings for us before moving to Hull City in December 1975. Later with Scarborough, Goole Town, Grantham, Bridlington and North Ferriby, he has since carved out a successful career in the chemical industry, settling in Belper.



MARTIN O'NEILL

Northern Ireland international midfielder who netted 48 goals in 285 League games for us before moving to Norwich City in February 1981, then played for Manchester City, Norwich again and Notts County. He has since managed Wycombe, Norwich, Leicester, Celtic and now Aston Villa.



NEIL MARTIN

Scotland international striker who helped us reach the FA Cup sixth round in 1973-74, scoring 28 goals in 119 League outings prior to joining Brighton in July 1975. He played for Crystal Palace and St Patrick's Athletic, then was coach/manager at Walsall, becoming a publican in Birmingham.



RAY TREACY: Republic of Ireland international striker who scored 16 goals in 55 League outings for Swinden prior to joining

Brom in August 1976, then followed Johnny Giles to Shannock Rovers and was Drogheda's player-boss. Now a travel agent in Dublin. DAVE SYRETT: England Youth striker who netted 30 goals in 122 League games before

moving to Mansfield Town in August 1977, then played for Walsall, Peterborough United, Northampton Town and hometown Salisbury. He is now a school groundsman in Warminster and runs football coaching courses.



Long serving England Under 23 international who netted ten goals in 366 League games for us before joining Coventry City in January 1974, then played for Peterborough and reunited with lan Storey Moore at Burton Albion. He has since been a painter and decorator in Peterborough.



MIAH DENNEHY

Republic of Ireland international winger who scored four times in 41 League outings for us before moving to Walsall in July 1975. He joined Bristol Rovers in July 1978, then played for Trowbridge Town and Cork. Since working as a hotel porter in his native Cork, he has recently been ill.



TOM JENKINS: Former Southampton winger who was Dave Mackay's last signing for Swindon in November 1972. He netted four goals in 100 League outings while at the County Ground before joining Seattle Sounders in March 1976. Later becoming their manager, he has settled in the United States.



Manager Dave Mackay

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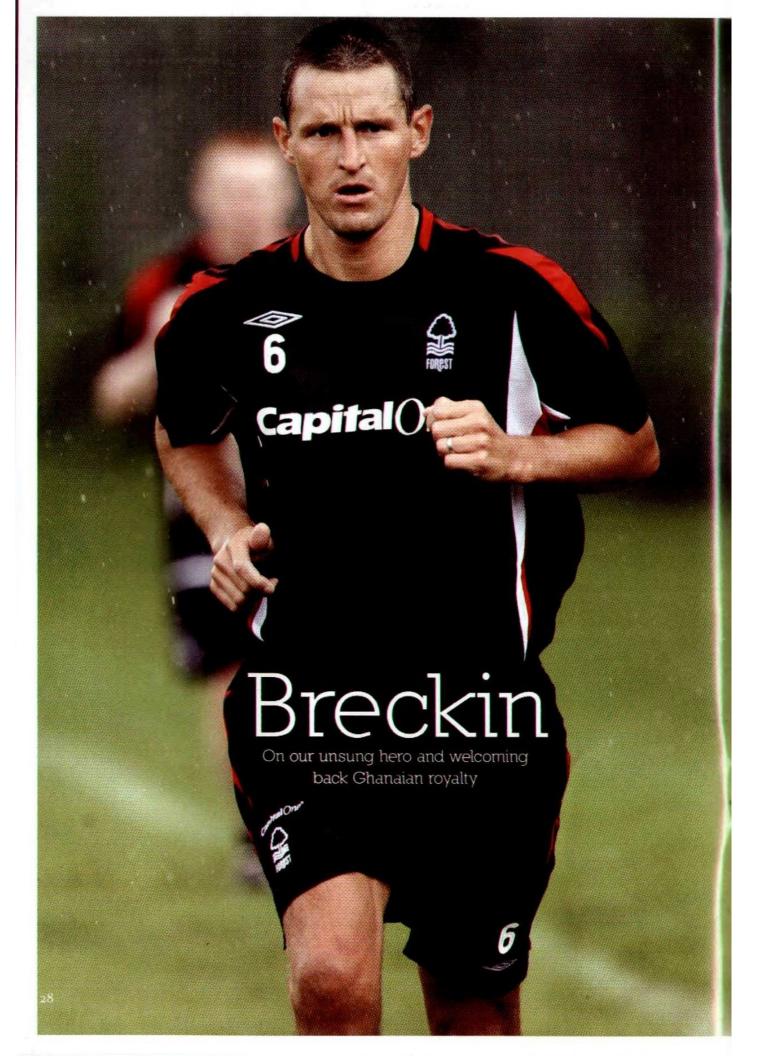
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We will today be without the man who in my eyes has been an unsung hero for us this season – Julian Bennett.

'Jules' misses out on facing Swindon through suspension after collecting his fifth booking of the campaign against Millwall a week ago, as did Grant Holt.

Julian has been superb for us this season and has shrugged off any doubts about his future at the club following the arrival of Matt Lockwood last summer.

Matt has been unlucky with injuries since he joined us but it's a credit to Julian that he has got his head down, made the most of his chance and re-established himself as a key member of the manager's line-up.

He certainly bowed out of the side in style against Leeds the other night, heading us in front with his second goal in successive games and then producing an incredible goal-line clearance as they pressed for an equaliser, which typifies what he brings to the side.

From my point of view, it was great to get the chance to return to the starting line-up in midweek for such a big game.

The atmosphere inside Elland Road was terrific – and the 3,000 fans who made the trip up the M1 from Nottingham played a hugely significant part – as the contest lived up to its billing of being a real clash of League One heavyweights.

The fact that we came away from West Yorkshire feeling disappointed with a point speaks volumes for the manner in which we went about our task.

I didn't get a clear view of the penalty incident at the time because there was so much going on in the area but having watched it again on video Wes Morgan had every reason to feel hard done by.

I don't think there's any doubt that Wes had hold of Darren Kenton's shirt but you could say the same about the Leeds player who looked as though he had his hands full as well.

The referee's decision was harsh to say the least and Leeds gratefully accepted the opportunity to cancel out Julian's opening goal.

We could have been out of their sight had we taken advantage of more of the chances that came our way but our performance the other night would suggest we've sorted out our problems away from home.

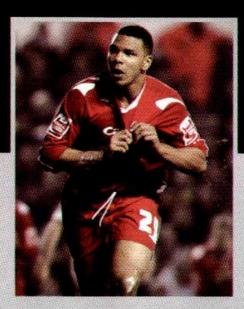
It's just up to us to prove that's the case when we face Carlisle at Brunton Park on Tuesday but first and foremost it's all about getting three points today.

The king of Ghana returns

It feels like we're in the presence of royalty now that Junior Agogo has arrived back from the Africa Cup of Nations.

Junior scored three times as he helped Ghana finish third in the tournament which they hosted and he made such an impression that he's now a national hero in his homeland (or at least that's what he tells us).

He was his usual irrepressible self as he breezed back into The City Ground this week, complete with tales of life with Michael Essien and Co., and the timing of his return could not be any better with 'Holty' missing today.



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Pre-purchased tickets through the Nottingham Forest ticket office are priced at:

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Juniors (aged 10 & under)	£4.00

Wheelchair disabled supporters are required to purchase tickets in advance from Nottingham Forest. Tickets are priced at £2.00 with an escort ticket free of charge.



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Coach travel departs the Brian Clough Stand car park at Ipm and is priced at £15.00.

Tickets are on general sale now.



Leyton Orient

Saturday February 23 2008

Kick-off 3pm Brisbane Road

We have received an allocation of 2,000 reserved covered seat tickets for the East Stand located along the side of the pitch. A further allocation of tickets is available if required.

Pre-purchased tickets through the Nottingham Forest ticket office are priced at:

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Unemployed (proof of benefit required)	£13.00
juniors (under 16)	£13.00

*valid ID required on the day

Wheelchair disabled supporters are required to obtain tickets in advance from Leyton Orient. Tickets are free of charge for the wheelchair and escort. Wheelchair users should contact the Leyton Orient ticket office on 0871, 310, 1883.

Coach travel departs the Brian Clough Stand car park at 9.30am and is priced at £13.00.

Should any tickets remain for general sale they will be available from today.

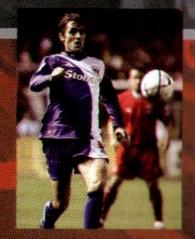


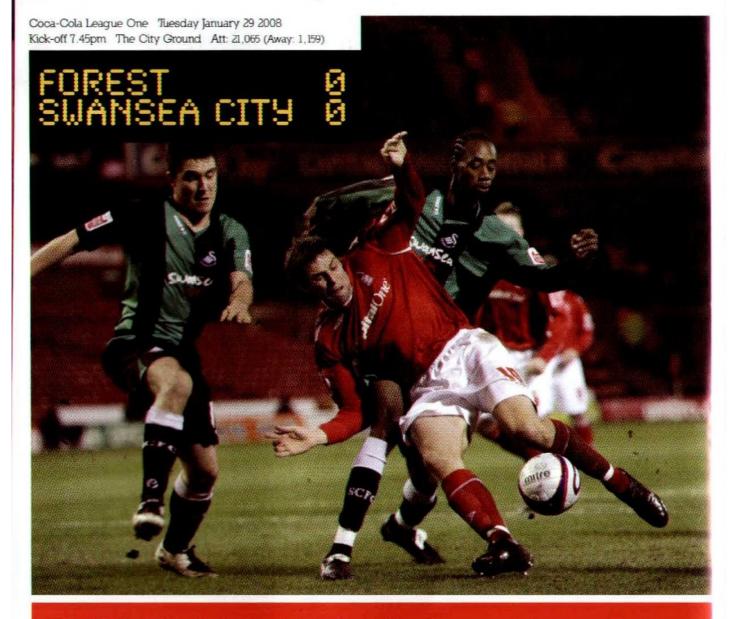
Carlisle United

Monday March 3 2008 Kick-off 7.45pm

All supporters £5.00

The Bridgford Lower Tier will be open to Nottingham Forest supporters for this fixture. Tickets are on general sale as from today.





The defensive solidity that has been the bedrock of our push for promotion again came to the fore when table-topping Swansea arrived on Trentside.

We claimed our 15th clean sheet of the League One campaign but had to settle for a point from an entertaining goalless draw.

We could have snatched victory in the dying minutes when Nathan Tyson broke clear but failed to pick-out an unmarked Grant Holt with his cross.

But it was the manner in which we effectively shut-out Swansea that pleased boss Colin Calderwood, as well as left back Julian Bennett.

"We have a good defence, as we showed against Swansea, and any manager will tell you that is the basis of a good team," Bennett said.

"We kept a clean sheet and overall we were happy with the performance – although there was an air of disappointment that we didn't come away with three points. "We still have a game in hand over a few teams and quite a lot of games left so we will keep battling on."

We could have narrowed the gap on Swansea to eight points had Tyson completed his 90th minute raid down the left by finding Holt with his cross.

In truth, clear cut opportunities were hard to come by for either side. Matt Thornhill, making his full debut, and Holt provided our best moments by forcing goalkeeper Dorus De Vries to make smart saves.

We were given a fright early on when Wes Morgan almost headed into his own net after a breakdown in communication with goalkeeper Paul Smith – the central defender saved his own blushes by clearing off the line.





FOREST: Smith, Wilson, Chambers, Morgan, Bennett, McGugan (Lennon 72)), Thornhill (Sinclair 65), Clingan, Commons, Holt Tyson, Subs not used Breckin, Davies, Perch.

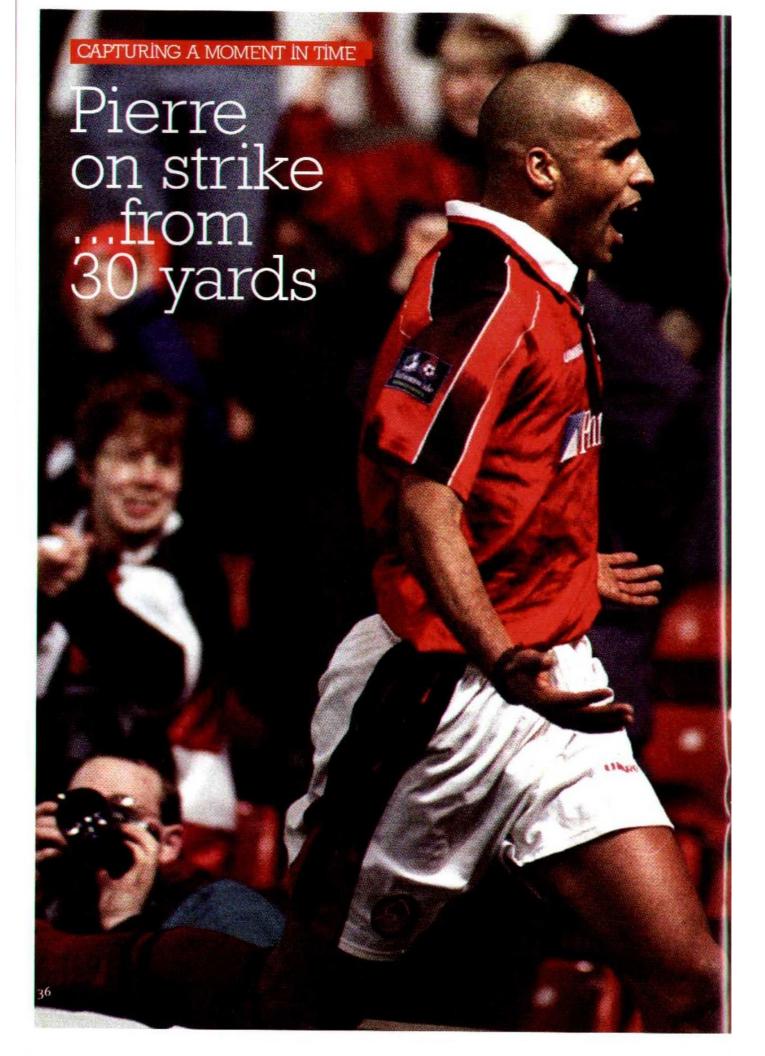
SWANSEA CITY: De Vries, Bodde, Britton, Scotland (Brandy 84), Painter, Lawrence, Monk, Robinson, Rangel, Bauza, Anderson (Butler 15), Subs not used: O'Leary, Tate, Allen.

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SWANSEA Monk 81





Our promotion season of 1997-98 was decorated with spectacular goals... and many of them.

Pierre van Hooijdonk led the way with 29 golden goals in the League and his strike partner Kevin Campbell was not far behind with 23 as we blazed a trail back to the Premiership.

But the one strike that stood out above all others that season came on February 17, 1998, when we defeated Huddersfield Town 3-0 at The City Ground.

Van Hooijdonk scored twice on the night but his first lives on in the memory of any Forest fan who witnessed it.

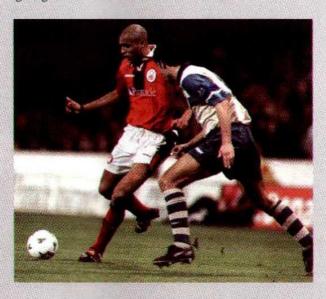
The controversial Dutchman scored many memorable goals but none more so than the 30-yard rocket that ripped past Steve Harper, who was on loan to Huddersfield from Newcastle at the time.

Campbell was probably in the best position to describe the quality of van Hooijdonk's remarkable strike.

He said: "It was still rising when it hit the back of the net! If it hadn't gone in, it could have done some serious damage to anyone sitting behind that goal. "It was hit with such power that no goalkeeper in the world would have stopped it.

"Pierre has got great touch, technique and movement and, of course, the ability to strike the ball with great power and accuracy. I think he showed Huddersfield that."

And Hooijdonk admitted: "It was a one off but I hoped it wouldn't prove to be a once in a lifetime strike. One thing's for sure, I'm not going to score ten of them in a season."



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Kevin Campbell

1997-98 Who else was making the headlines?

Michael Owen became the youngest England international this century, aged 18 years and 59 days, when he played against Chile in February. He was 124 days younger than Duncan Edwards, who held the previous record.

Real Madrid finally lifted the European Cup after a barren spell of 32 years when they beat Juventus 1-0 in Amsterdam.



Charlton reached the Premiership for the first time in their history when keeper Sasic Ilic saved Michael Gray's spot kick in the First Division Play-off final penalty shoot-out against Sunderland.



BOURNEMOUTH FOREST



Colin Calderwood admitted to feeling a sense of 'hurt' after our away day troubles continued against Bournemouth at Dean Court.

Kevin Bond's relegation-threatened side eased to a 2-0 win leaving us without an away win in five games.

Two first half goals from Sam Vokes sealed our fate on the south coast and manager Calderwood declared: "At the moment our away performances are far too varied, it is hurting us and to go so many games without winning is not acceptable.

"This will be a massive learning curve because you always remember afternoons like these. They do happen from time to time but the key is how you handle them.

"Perhaps we believe we are much better than we should be and Bournemouth looked a little more aggressive and we were second best in so many areas." While we were lack-lustre in the extreme and failed to muster a shot on target, Vokes stole the show with his quick-fire brace.

Just days after rejecting a £175,000 move to Crewe, the teenager gave Bournemouth a 20th minute lead as he out-jumped Kelvin Wilson to head past Paul Smith from a Max-Alain Gradel cross.

He doubled his side's advantage just nine minutes later as he capped a fine flowing move with a neat finish from 12 yards.

We had no response to Vokes' double and the defeat relegated us to fourth in the League One table and Calderwood added: "I am still proud and privileged to be in the position we are but we cannot afford to have performances of that nature too often."





FOREST: Smith, Wilson, Chambers (Breckin 86), Morgan, Bennett, Perch, Clingan, Cohen, Davies, Holt (Sinclair 62), Tyson. Subs not used. Richardson, Lockwood, Thornhill.

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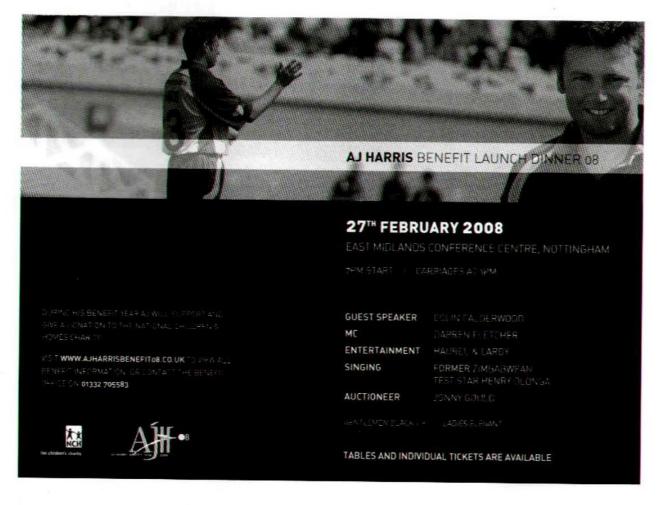
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We at Nottingham Forest are fortunate to have Alan March as our commentator. He is a huge Forest fan and also provides the commentary for Wembley Stadium.

We are always looking at how we can safely improve facilities for our fans and the portable receivers now available provide just one of the new innovations available to us.

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Thirty years ago we clinched the First Division title. This feature looks back at that memorable season.





Marching down Wembley Way

Brian Clough had a massive double date with his former club Leeds United as our bid for success in the 1977-78 season reached a critical phase.

As well as marching on at the top of the First Division, we had seen off West Ham, Notts County and Aston Villa and Bury to reach the semi finals of the League Cup.

And it was 30 years ago that we faced a home and away clash with a Leeds side under the management of Jimmy Armfield.

Leeds were one of only three teams to beat us by that stage of the season – Arsenal and Chelsea were the others – and it was expected to be a battle royal over the two legs.

The first match was at Elland Road and Clough and Peter Taylor sprang a surprise just before kick-off when they opted to strengthen midfield by including John O'Hare against his former club and leaving out Frank Clark.

It proved to be yet another master stroke by the managerial pair. O'Hare had one of his best games in a Forest shirt as we produced a superb display that brought a 3-1 victory.

O'Hare got one of the goals and Peter Withe (left) the other two as we all but put the tie to bed before the return leg at The City Ground.

After the game there was a first ever call-up to the England ranks for David Needham, who had proved to be an astute signing as cover for the Larry Lloyd-Kenny Burns partnership. He was named in the England B squad for an international in West Germany.



It was a hectic period for us and it worsened when the second leg had to be postponed by referee Clive Thomas just 90 minutes before the start.

Our fixture list was given an even more congested look when we took on Queens Park Rangers in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup at Loftus Road.

We looked to be heading out of the competition but a last minute header by Martin O'Neill saved the day and earned us a home replay.

The Leeds return went ahead the following midweek but the Yorkshire side were in no mood to let it become a formality.

After only 12 minutes Leeds got a foothold back in the tie when Frank Gray sent a left foot shot hurtling past Chris Woods.

Withe soon forced an equaliser to regain our twogoal cushion but a mistake by the recalled Larry Lloyd allowed Arthur Graham in for Leeds second goal on the night. Our slender lead was almost wiped out when Tony Currie shot against but the bar but we responded to another Clough half-time talk and exploded into life in the second half.

lan Bowyer, O'Neill and Tony Woodcock scored further goals and from being in a position of some vulnerability we ran out 4-2 winners to reach Wembley for the first time in 19 years.

Our opponents under the twin towers were Liverpool, who had beaten Arsenal in their semi final.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley was at The City Ground to see us go through and in the dressing room after the match he witnessed a very young Nigel Clough spin the coin to decide which side would wear their customary red on the big day.

Paisley called wrong so we were in red at Wembley and Liverpool in white.

The final was less than a month away but such were the demands on our players at the time that we faced no fewer than six games in that short period.

Elsewhere thirty years ago...

While we were tussling it out against Queens Park Rangers for a place in the sixth round of the F.A. Cup, our nearest challengers in the First Division Everton were inching nearer us in the table.

They defeated West Ham 2-1 at Goodison Park with Duncan McKenzie (right) and Dave Thomas getting their goals. Derek Hales scored for the Hammers.

Manchester City were held to a 2-2 draw at Bristol City at Ashton Gate. Joe Royle and Clive Whitehead scored for City with Brian Kidd and our one-time target Tommy Booth scoring for the visitors.

In the F.A. Cup Arsenal made sure there would be no slips against Walsall, registering a 4-1 win at Highbury with two goals from Frank Stapleton and others from Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Sunderland. Our former striker Alan Buckley scored for Walsall.

Sammy Chapman scored his only goal for Notts County, who were beaten 2-1 at Millwall and non-league Blyth Spartans were denied victory by an injury time equaliser by Dixie McNeil for Wrexham.

In the other ties to be played on the day – there were postponements because of the weather, Chelsea drew 0-0 at Orient and Bristol Rovers drew 2-2 at home with Ipswich.



Forest in the City

Graham Moran has been appointed Community Director for a 'Forest in the City' project at The City Ground. He outlined to us his role and his aims for his new position.

'Forest in the City' is a name I hope you will all become familiar with in the coming months as this new department of the football club will be very visible across the city of Nottingham, delivering a wide range of football related activities in working with all sections of the local community.

This new addition to the club's workforce will operate under a new charitable trust with three main aims.

Firstly, we will use the positive power of professional football to engage local people in, exciting, innovative, fun-based inclusive physical activities; secondly to develop positive working partnerships with public, private, voluntary and community organisations across the city of Nottingham and thirdly to deliver the highest standards of football-related services for the benefit of local people.

My previous 14 years in professional football have been spent at the head of one of the most respected football in the community schemes in the country, while at the same time involved in a part-time coaching role across the river helping to develop young players such as Jermaine Pennant, Wes Morgan, Kelvin Wilson, Julian Bennett and Will Hoskins. It is great to see local lads Wes, Kelvin, Julian and now Will in the current Forest line-up.

When I was approached by Chief Executive Mark Arthur to set up a new city-focused community operation at The City Ground it was an opportunity too good to turn down and it is my intention to ultimately place the Reds at the forefront of helping the city to address issues around physical activity, education, healthy lifestyles, social inclusion, training and employment. Professional football undoubtedly has the power to first engage and then deliver positive outcomes across all ages and communities.

There is no doubt that Forest has the potential to be one of the major community clubs in the country and Mark has made it clear that his vision is to see the Reds respected within professional football and Government for its contribution to the local community. My job is to deliver that vision.

'Forest in the City' will work under the club's new charitable umbrella alongside the existing and well-established Football in the Community scheme under the direction of Gordon Coleman, who I have known since our paths crossed on the football pitch during school days. We met up again when Gordon interviewed me for my previous role across the river when he worked as a regional director for the Professional Footballers' Association back in 1993.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity in my previous role to develop a number of programmes that attracted recognition locally, regionally and nationally, including the Investors in People accreditation, the Football Association's award for supporting education, nominations for Football League Community club of the year and more recently short-listing for the 2007 Football League Community initiative of the year.

I am hoping that I will be able to bring some 'silverware' to The City Ground in terms of the community-based work that I will be leading over the next few years and at the same time take football-related activities to new levels.

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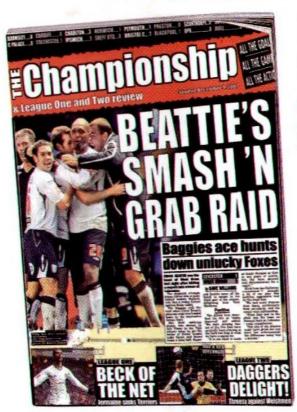


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The Reserves

by John Pemberton

Taming the Shrews

We did extremely well to extend our unbeaten record to 13 games considering the youthfulness of the side we sent out against Shrewsbury last week.

But, as has been the case all season, we showed tremendous character in putting together a performance that saw us run out 3-2 winners – our seventh straight victory.

We had a lot of problems going into the match with players pulling out through injury but although we were up against a Shrewsbury side containing several seasoned pros, we acquitted ourselves very well.

There was little to choose between the sides in what was a first half stalemate but we stepped it up after the break and scored some very good goals.

Having said that, we found ourselves a goal behind immediately after the break when Shrewsbury scored following a quickly-taken free-kick.

But after that we produced some good movement and thoroughly deserved to take a grip on the game.

Felix Bastians, just back from his loan move at Notts County, started the move that got us level. He sent Joe Heath away down the left and from his cross Emile Sinclair planted a header through the keeper's legs.

That came in the 57th minute and was the start of a spell that brought us three goals in 13 minutes.

We went ahead four minutes later when Bastians' low shot was pushed out by the Shrewsbury keeper and Sinclair reacted quickly to shoot high into the net.

And we got the third soon afterwards through Garath McCleary, who was making his first appearance for us following his move from Bromley.

Alan Power chested the ball down on the edge of the box and McCleary turned to whip a half volley into the top corner of the net.

It was a fine way for him to begin his career with us and it was the reward for a performance in which he showed some nice touches although he understandably tired towards the end.

All-round it was a very pleasing performance because in some ways we had to patch up the team at the last minute.

The changes included Hamza Bencherif coming in at the last minute and he did superbly well considering he has been out of action for some time. He was on loan at Lincoln, of course, but has been very poorly in recent weeks and wasn't really ready to come back in. But he saw the situation we were in, volunteered to play and can feel really pleased with his efforts.

FOREST: Darlow, Pearson, Heath, Byrne, McCashin, Bencherif, McCleary (Whitehurst 79), Power, Sinclair, Fairclough (Hook 85), Bastians. Subs not used: Richardson, Diagne, Hartmann.

Our next reserve game is not until Wednesday, February 27 when we visit Stoke at Newcastle Town's ground.



Felix Bastians impressed after returning from his loan spell

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Mon 20 Aug	Leicester City	Λ	7pm	21
Weds 29 Aug	West Brom	H	7pm	2-0
Tues 11 Sept	Huddersfield Town	Н	7pm	2-1
Mon 17 Sept	Port Vale	A	7pm	1-0
Tues 25 Sept	Walsall	H	7pm	20
Tues 9 Oct	Bradford City	A	7pm	0-0
Tues 23 Oct	Shrewsbury	H	2pm	3.2
Mon 29 Oct	Coventry City	A	7pm	2-1
Tues 13 Nov	Stoke City	H	2pm	8-0
Wed 5 Dec	Wolves	H	7pm	2-0
Tues 18 Dec	Leicester City	H	2pm	40
Mon 7 Jan	West Brom (Kidderminster Har)	A	7pm	5-1
Mon 4 Feb	Shrewsbury Town	A	7pm	3-2
Wed 27 Feb	Stoke City (Newcastle Town)	A	zpm	
Tues 4 March	Walsall	A	2pm	
Thur 13 March	Bradford City	H	2pm	
Wed 19 March	Oldham	H	7pm	
Tues 25 March	Wolves (AFC Telford)	Α	7pm	
Wed 2 April	Oldham	A	7pm	
Wed 9 April	Huddersfield Town	Λ	7pm	
Tue 15 April	Coventry City	H	2pm	
Tues 22 April	Port Vale	H	7pm	
Wed 30 April	Play off Semi			-



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The Academy

by Nick Marshall

Unbeaten run comes to an end

After 15 matches unbeaten at Under 18 level in the F.A. Premier Academy League, we finally succumbed to Middlesbrough last weekend.

But there was certainly no disgrace in our 1-0 defeat in the North East and coach Chris Fairclough was reasonably pleased with the overall performance.

It was a fairly even contest but overall we probably created more chances and, apart from routine saves, our goalkeeper Karl Darlow had very little to do.

But it was one of those days when we just could not make anything count.

Tim Hopkinson, in particular, found himself denied by the Middlesbrough keeper on more than one occasion and at the other end we conceded the vital goal with about 20 minutes to go following a buildup down our left hand side.

We could have defended the situation a little better than we did but even after the goal we got the right kind of response from the players who did everything they could to get an equaliser in the remaining period.

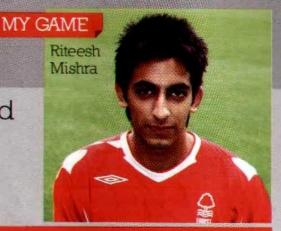
It was always going to be one of our more difficult games of the season because Middlesbrough have a very good track record at youth level and continue to play the game in the right way.

It's a setback for us but it is now important how we react to it and I hope the response was right when we took on Sheffield Wednesday at home this morning.

One player who did particularly against Middlesbrough was centre back Jack Pearson (right). He was our best player on the day, defending solidly and using the ball constructively when he got a chance.



POREST: Darlow, Fairclough, Hartmann, Wright, McCashin, Pearson, Moke, Hook, Hopkinson, Whitehurst (Newbold 60), Staples. Subs not used: O'Brien, Diagne, Rodney, Mitchell.



It's been a very difficult season for me but I hope there are better times ahead.

I began the season well and gained a place in the Under-18 Academy side but it all came to a halt when I broke my leg playing against Leeds in October.

It has been a very frustrating time but I am now back in training and focusing on getting my place back in the youth team when I am fully fit.

I'm determined to make the most of my chance and become a professional with Forest.

Having been born in Glasgow, I moved to Nottingham at a very young age and joined Notts County when I was nine. Five years later I moved to the Forest Academy.

I went to West Bridgford school until I was 16 and then I was delighted to be offered a full-time place at The City Ground.

FA Premier Academy League Fixtures

DATE	TEAM	H/A	TIME	RES
Sat 18 Aug	Cardiff City	Н	11am	2-1
Sat 25 Aug	Bolton	A	12noon	2-2
Sat 1 Sept	Manchester Utd	A	12noon	0-1
Sat 8 Sept	Liverpool	Н	12noon	03
Sat 15 Sept	Crewe	H		4-1
Sat 22 Sept	West Brom	A	12noon	4-2
Sat 29 Sept	Middlesbrough	Н	1pm	3.1
Sat 6 Oct	Sheffield Wed	A		3-3
Sat 13 Oct	Sheffield Utd	H		30
Sat 20 Oct	Leeds United	Λ	12noon	1-0
Sat 27 Oct	Derby County	Н		30
Sat 3 Nov	Huddersfield	Α	11:30am	3-1
Sat 10 Nov	Barnsley	H		2-0
Sat 17 Nov	Sunderland	H	ıpm	2-1
Sat 1 Dec	Newcastle	A	ıpm	2-0
Sat 8 Dec	Leeds United	Н	12noon	3-2
Sat 5 Jan	Barnsley	A		3-3
Sat 12 Jan	Huddersfield	H	11:30am	4-0
Sat 19 Jan	Newcastle	H	1pm	1-1
Sat 9 Feb	Middlesbrough	A	1pm	0-1
Sat 16 Feb	Sheffield Wed	H		
Sat 23 Feb	Derby County	A		
Sat 1 March	Sheffield Utd	A		
Sat 15 March	Blackburn	A	12noon	
Sat 29 March	Everton	H	11:30am	
Sat 5 April	Wolves	A		
Sat 12 April	Manchester City	Н		



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72 Clubs. The 'Coca-Cola' Football League.

O 2 years standing continues his regular match-day column giving a supporter's eye view of events, games and personalities that have stood out for him.

Like many of my generation, I feel that certain aspects of football today give cause for concern (witness some of this season's events) but other developments are more positive. I am delighted that Forest are playing a significant role here.

In 1999, the opening of the Study Support Centre, on the site of what had been earmarked originally for the club shop, ensured one positive legacy from an otherwise depressing era.

In a game where barely 10 per cent of those identified as outstanding talents in their teens go on to have a career in the sport, it is vital to offer a more complete experience than football alone. The Academy ensures that each apprentice follows a balanced programme of theoretical study as well as practical training. By its holistic nature, the programme ensures that each apprentice has much to offer in other careers if one in league soccer fails to materialise.

The Centre's accommodation, facilities and overall atmosphere are reminiscent of a well-equipped study area in any good school or college. Partly funded by the LEA as well as the club, strong links are fostered with local schools. The apprentices act as mentors to the groups visiting the Centre, their work with pupils forming part of the communication skills element in the apprentices' coursework.

If I had to sum up the approach of the Centre staff in one word, I think it would be 'flexibility'. Although all students are, by definition, of high footballing ability, the levels of academic achievement can vary considerably and be complicated by some being the product of different national educational systems, and even having to work in a language other than their own.

Although students may find themselves playing in midweek games occasionally, the full programme of curriculum study will still be adhered to, even if it means some re-scheduling of the day, and time, at which it takes place.

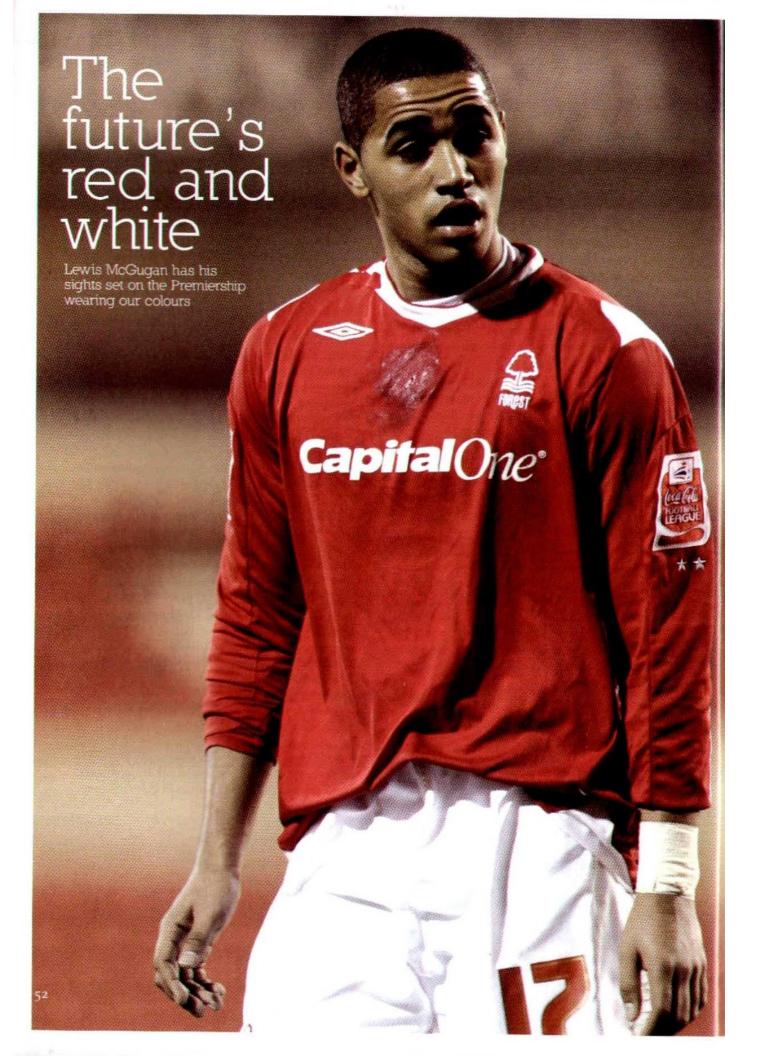
I was particularly impressed by the fact that staff are always available to give support and encouragement to those suffering long-term injuries, just as the Centre, visible from the apprentices' hostel, is always manned in the evenings for 'drop in' sessions by those working on their NVQ Handbook etc. Neither discipline nor motivation has ever been a problem-which speaks volumes for both staff and students.

All Academy matches are recorded, edited and analysed by coaches and students themselves, fulfilling both the function of improving footballing skills – still the primary purpose of the Centre – and allowing them to use the analysis as part of their course work, where they and their tutors – evaluate where they stand at any one time, and how they have progressed over the two years course. All also undertake the Level 2 FA Coaching Certificate, which they can apply to local football clubs as part of the Football in the Community programme.

Much is said about the need for professional clubs and players to give to, as well as take from, the community. I have no doubt that Forest are trying to do just that. The young men in our Academy are at the beginning of something which they hope will culminate in sporting success. However, by their work within the Centre, and with other young people still in full time education, they are becoming more 'rounded' people. They are able to move confidently into adulthood, whether as professional sportsmen, or in other walks of life where the skills learnt, and good habits acquired, will always be relevant.

By its holistic nature, the programme ensures that each apprentice has much to offer in other careers if one in League soccer fails to materialise





Lewis McGugan pledged his long-term future to us this week in the knowledge that the development of his career is in safe hands at The City Ground.

The teenage midfielder's scintillating first team progress over the last year has been rewarded with a new contract committing him to the club until the summer of 2011.

McGugan is the latest graduate of our muchadmired Academy system to make an indelible mark on the senior scene and like those who have gone before him, he's aiming high.

"There was no hesitation in my mind that I wanted to sign a new contract when Forest offered it to me," he says. "I can't ask for any more than having the security of a long-term deal behind me as I look to progress my career at the club.

"When I got myself in the side towards the end of last season my aim was to show people that I deserved an opportunity at that level.

"I would like to think I've done that - now I've got three years to really cement my place in the manager's plans and try and help push the club on.

"Forest's recent history is littered with players who have come up through the club's Academy ranks and gone on to bigger and better things – people like Michael Dawson, Jermaine Jenas, Andy Reid and Marlon Harewood.

"I want to be like them, playing in the Premiership eventually, but I want more than anything else to do that with Forest. I don't see any reason why I cannot achieve what I want to achieve where I'm happy and settled."

McGugan had been regarded as one of our brightest prospects long before he finally received 'the call' from Colin Calderwood.

And any doubts the 19 year old from Long Eaton could handle the step-up were quickly dispelled as

he started 12 of our final 13 games of last season and contributed two goals, including a stunning match winner against Gillingham.

He has added a further 21 appearances to his stats this term – along with four goals – but is facing a battle to line-up against Swindon today after aggravating a back injury in an accidental collision with Leeds midfielder David Prutton in Tuesday's 1-1 draw at Elland Road.

"I don't mean to sound big-headed but I always knew that if I got fair crack at it, with a decent run in the side, I was capable of making an impact," he reflects.

"I think I've done that – although playing first team football was a massive step-up from what I had been used to at Academy and reserve level, perhaps bigger than I expected.

"As a young player it really is sink or swim time when you get introduced to the first team and fortunately things fell together nicely for me."

Such has been McGugan's progress that few people would be surprised if former City Ground legend Stuart Pearce offered him a route into his England Under 21 squad.

McGugan has already represented his country at various levels up to Under 19 but plays it cool when the topic of conversation turns to his chances of adding more caps to his collection, courtesy of Pearce.

"It's not something I've really thought about," he says. "Naturally I would be delighted if a call-up for the Under 21s were to come my way but I'm not going to get hung up about it if it doesn't.

"I'm just focussed on trying to do my best for Forest.
I've still got a lot to learn and want to try and help
Forest move forward – anything else is a bonus."

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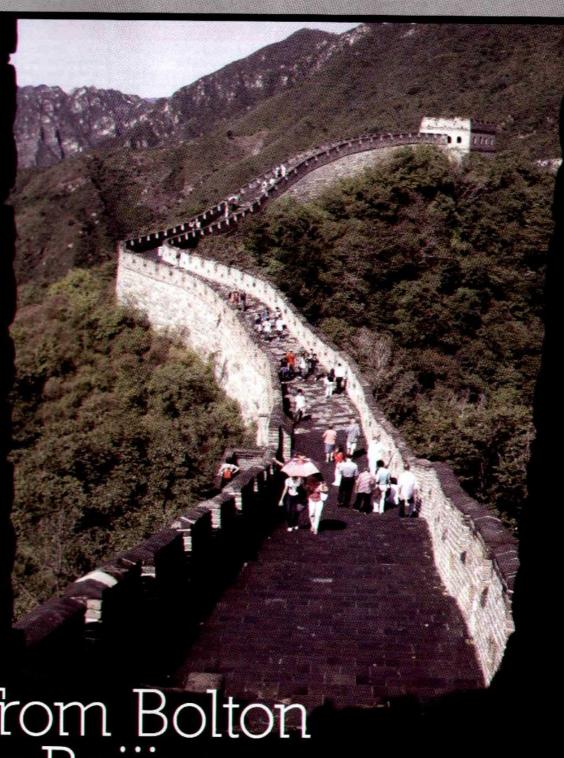


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BEAUMONT FOOTBALL



Our former player James Beaumont is looking to forge a new career for himself in the world of journalism. And we are delighted to say that he is cutting his writing teeth in the programme this season.



From Bolton to Beijing

Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore squirmed away from the issue of money as he launched the proposal but it is clear that finances are driving the idea, and of course, the game



A trip up to Hartlepool or down to Bournemouth to watch the footy may be an un-welcome trek on a Saturday morning after a hard week's graft and heavy night in the pub.

But a few cold tinnies to sober up on the bus and a good pie is a tried and tested remedy to ease away the pain after a tough week before the game. However, the recent proposed changes are set to stop all this! It'll Buenos Aires not Blackpool.

A four pack of Carling in the cooler box is soon to be swapped with cocktails and tequilas and winter thermals will be traded in for Bermuda shorts and sun shades. The proposal to play club games abroad has been greeted with a mixed response as football in England takes another step towards being... well... not English.

The idea has been met with a cold response from fans around the country this week but the men at the top seem delighted at the chance to make yet more bucks.

Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore squirmed away from the issue of money as he launched the proposal but it is clear that finances are driving the idea, and of course, the game.

Fans may not be happy but it is inevitable that this will go ahead. The game is now a global brand and Premiership football is our marketing gem. It may upset people in some quarters but the views of the local fans will not come in to question when deciding what happens.

You might have watched your team home and away for 35 years and not missed a game. But if you want it continue you will have to get the passport out and dip into your overdraft. Oh, and tell the missus that the summer holiday to Benidorm is off because you're skint!

Many nations crave to watch our game and the lucrative marketing potential for the clubs will be too good to turn down. The majority of local, loyal support will no doubt remain in some capacity, and the clubs know that. The increased fan base created by world wide fixtures will create a whole new generation of support, opening avenues for merchandise and other commercial endorsements. This will make the clubs at the top even bigger.

Managers moaning about players jetting away for a week's holiday on international duty may become a thing of the past. The wave of African players flying back to our shores to resume domestic duties for their club may soon be diverted to Hong Kong, Japan, America or China. It will be fantastic for the players and not bad for the kit man either.

The thought of playing Bolton away on a freezing cold Tuesday night might be much more appealing if it was 35c and by a beach with 100,000 watching. You would certainly come back refreshed and sun kissed. Mind you, 'Tel' wears his shorts whatever the weather!

With this latest development on the horizon, football in England edges further away from its roots. The players rarely emerge from local sources but they indulge in the culture of British football.

Now, the culture is set to disappear. Those cold nights wrapped up drinking Bovril in the stands. The local derbies with passionate fans shouting and swearing. They will soon become a thing of the past. They say that only a few games will be played abroad but it is carmarked as a stepping stone to other ideas such as a european league, or even a world league.

The game has changed over the last decade – changes that have brought some of the best football in the world to our country, but this is a bit much. It may drive the economy of football through the roof but it will also drive away the history of the game in England... and the fans.

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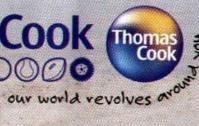


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Forest in the Community

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This package will run from late March through to the end of October with the exception of August when our community officers are busy running our Summer Programme of Football Coaching Courses.

Treats will be held on Thursday afternoons for up to 12 youngsters including the birthday child, all of whom must be five years or older.

They will arrive at the main reception at The City Ground, between 4.00 and 4.30pm. Our community staff will lead the group of young footballers on a behind the scenes tour, viewing some of the magnificent silverware collected during our glorious history.

This will followed by a coaching session at our private training facility. We will then present the birthday child with a small present from Forest and the guests with small goody bags that they can supplement with their own treats. The birthday boy/girl will then be presented with a football, personally signed by Forest players.

The treat will last for approximately two hours. Parents and carers are asked to ensure the 11 guests are changed into football kit and a tracksuit with training shoes or football boots, as our training session will take place outdoors.

Cancellation of the coaching due to inclement weather conditions will result in either indoor party games or a re-arranged session at a mutually convenient time.

This package costs only £99. To book a Forest Birthday Treat contact us by phone on 0115 982 4453 or communitycoaching@nottinghamforest.co.uk

Places are limited so please book early to avoid any disappointment.

Please note that we are unable to provide food on the day.





Our team of the week at our last game against Millwall was Beaufort United and the players and manager Steve Gore are pictured above with Matt Lockwood before kick-off.

Kieran Reynolds from Kirk Hallam celebrated his birthday with us last weekend and is seen here receiving a signed Forest football from Matt.

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3	Matt Lockwood	8		1		9		
4	Luke Chambers	28(1)	4	6	2	34(1)	6	
5	Wes Morgan	21(5)		4		25(5)		
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7	James Perch	10(7)		2(2)		12(9)		
8	Kris Commons	22(6)	8	5(1)	1	27(7)	9	
9	Nathan Tyson	16(6)	5	5	3	21(6)	8	
10	Grant Holt	19(9)	3	2(1)		21(10)	3	
11	Scott Dobie	1(1)		1		2(1)		
11	Will Hoskins	2				2		
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15	Chris Cohen	24(1)	2	4		28(1)	2	
16	Sammy Clingan	25(2)	1	4		29(2)	1	
17	Lewis McGugan	I7(1)	3	3	1	20(1)	4	
18	Neil Lennon	15(3)		3(1)		18(4)		
23	Junior Agogo	19(2)	10	3(3)		22(5)	10	
24	Emile Sinclair	(7)	1	(2)		(9)	1	
25	Alan Power			1		1		
26	Matt Thornhill	1(5)	1		(2)	1(7)	1	
27	Brendan Moloney	2				2		
29	Julian Bennett	20(1)	3	5		25(1)	3	
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^{*} Deducted 15 points





Off the pitch

Commercial & Hospitality

By Steve Prescott, Corporate Sales Manager

Chets' returns

One of the club's top appearance makers is with us as our corporate guest for today's game.

In 15 years at The City Ground Steve Chettle made a staggering 526 appearances and scored 14 goals.

During his time with us he helped us win the League Cup, the Simod Cup, the Zenith Data Systems Cup as well as being a member of the side that won the First Division Championship in 1998.

He also represented England Under 21s on a dozen occasions and was an ever-reliable figure at the heart of our defence.

Throughout his time with us, largely in the Brian Clough era, he played with other top stars like Stuart Pearce, Des Walker and Nigel Clough and clearly there will be no shortage of stories when he chats with our corporate guests this afternoon.

Our last corporate guest was Frank Wignall, who, of course, was a key member of the 1966-67 side and formed that great partnership with Joe Baker.

He is pictured being greeted by the crowd at last week's game against Millwall.





Julian Bennett captured the Man of the Match award, sponsored by Chino Latino, for his performance in our goalless draw with Swansea City last month. He is pictured being presented with his prize by Sarah Marshall from North51, who were our Big Match Sponsor on the day.

KIDS FOR A QUID

I'm delighted to say that we have had another good response to the Kids for a Quid promotion in our hospitality area for this afternoon's game. It's an excellent opportunity for the youngsters to experience watching the game from the vibrant atmosphere of our excellent indoor viewing gallery in the Pitch Sports Diner as well as giving mums and dads the chance to see the action in style.

NORWEGIAN BRANCH



We hope we have recruited four new Forest fans from Norway following a visit to our game against Leyton Orient last month.

A party of four football-mad supporters descended on The City Ground for the game and took advantage of our Castle Club packages.

They had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with us and seemed very keen to make a return visit in the future.

They are (from left to right) Kristian Gording, Rolf Elnan, Paal Wessel Skjeveland and Espen Aasegg.

The four are all from a tiny village called Tynset and every year Paal and Espen plan a visit to England to take in a football match.

This year they decided on a trip to Nottingham, were joined by Kristian and Rolf and we were delighted to put out the welcome mat for them.

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Big Match Sponsor

Once again I am delighted to welcome back Norris Plant Hire as our Big Match Sponsors for this afternoon's game.

Norris are sharing the sponsorship with Brown Bevan Insurance Brokers and both Steve Norris and Clive Bevan have been long-standing supporters of the club. I sincerely hope both gentlemen and their guests have another enjoyable day with us.



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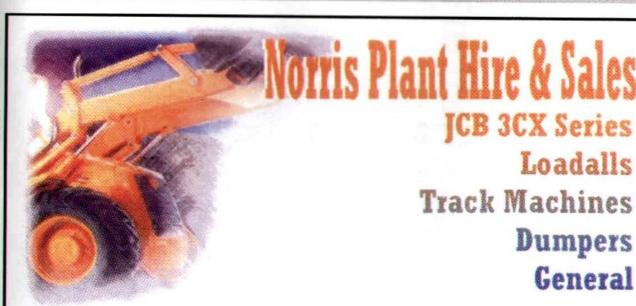
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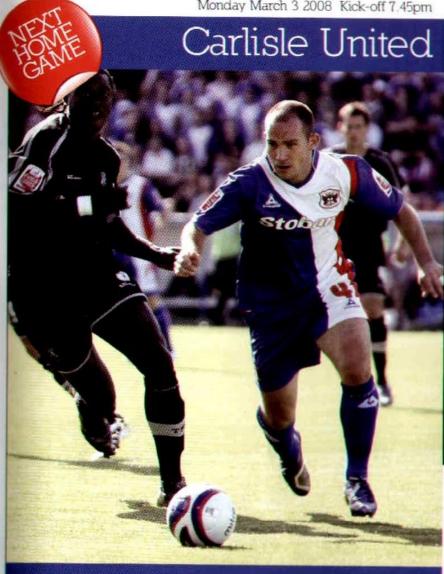






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Who's in charge?

John Ward accepted his fifth managerial appointment when he took over at Carlisle United last October.

He had previously managed York City, Bristol Rovers, Bristol City and Cheltenham before filling the Carlisle post following the surprise departure of Neil McDonald in the early weeks of the season.

But in Ward, who also had a spell as caretaker boss at Wolves. Carlisle knew they had got a man steeped in footballing tradition.

He did a magnificent job in leading Cheltenham into League One via the 2006 play-offs and then keeping them at the higher level last season.

As a player he was a prolific goalscorer with Lincoln City, grabbing 91 goals in 240 appearances for the Imps.

He also had spells at Watford, Grimsby and Workington before moving into management as Graham Taylor's No. 2 in their successful days together at Watford.

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What's happened since last season?

The managerial change was the big development at Brunton Park since last August as Carlisle set out to improve on their eighth placed finish in League One.

And they look set to do that and at least figure in the play offs at the end of the season in their bid to lift themselves into the Championship.

Before John Ward took over, Carlisle had already smashed their transfer record to sign young striker Joe Garner on a permanent basis.

They paid Blackburn Rovers an initial {140,000 to get their man after Garner had impressed on loan last season.

And Carlisle turned another temporary signing into a permanent deal when they captured Danny Graham from Middlesbrough after he had impressed with seven goals from 11 games during

They also made a significant addition to their midfield last summer when Marc Bridge-Wilkinson (left) returned from Bradford City for his second spell at the club and he has made a big impact.

Players to keep an eye on

Joe Garner has been a huge hit with the Carlisle faithful this season with a goal tally that averages one every two games.

The 19 year old striker has shown a maturity beyond his years and his previous club Blackburn must already be wondering why they allowed him to leave Ewood Park last summer for such a bargain fee.

Garner (below) linked up last season with Danny Graham and the two have continued their partnership after the club clinched a permanent deal for the former Middlesbrough man as well. Graham is already into double figures this time around.

Carlisle also added to their strike force when they signed Scott Dobie from us in the January transfer window for his second stint at Brunton Park but under the terms of the deal he will not be eligible to play in the game.

Simon Hackney and Marc Bridge-Wilkinson also provide a goalscoring threat from midfield - they have 12 goals between them already this season.



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Stadium designers

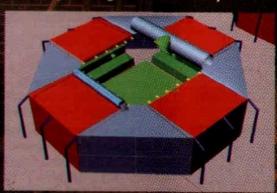
Twenty four gifted and talented pupils from seven city schools have spent three Fridays in January working in the Study Support Centre on a stadium design project.

Using a CAD 3D design package called Rhino, each pupil has created their own unique stadium based upon ideas gained from a tour round The City Ground, a visit to Derby County's Pride Park Stadium and from researching information about sports stadiums on the internet.

The course, which is the only one of its kind in this country, enables pupils to develop ICT, creative design and problem solving skills while also providing them with a unique opportunity to gain an understanding of the thinking that goes on behind the development of football stadia.

Pupils on our most recent course came from Carrington Primary School, Henry Whipple Junior School, Burford Primary, Haydn Primary, Northgate Primary, Seeley Junior School and Haywood Comprehensive School, who sent a group of media students to record pupil activities and create a presentational DVD of the course.

Any schools or groups of schools who wish to book this scheme can contact Sean Kane on 0115 982 4460.





Player interviews

Pupils have the opportunity to interview players as part of their PFS programme. As well as meeting the players, the interviews are designed to improve literacy skills of the pupils involved. In addition to preparing the questions and carrying out the interview, the pupils produce an article profiling the player using Microsoft Publisher.

The players often face a grilling in their interviews – some of the more taxing questions focus on their possible life after they retire as well as important topics such as healthy eating and racism in the game. The sessions are enjoyed by pupils and players alike.

"Parlez-vous Français"

Pupils from Fernwood Comprehensive School put their French skills to the test when interviewing Tony Diagne, an Academy player from the French city of Aubergenville. They learnt that his favourite team was Paris Saint Germain and his favourite player was Zinedine Zidane.



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